

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

1. Amend the paragraph beginning at Page 1, line 12 as follows so that "[large]" in line 14 is deleted:

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--The present invention relates generally to methods and apparatuses for voting shares of corporations held by investors, and more particularly to a method and apparatus for voting shares held by an investor in a ~~[large]~~ publicly traded corporation.--

2. Amend the paragraph beginning at Page 8, line 3 as follows:

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--Another exemplary embodiment of the system of the present invention includes a user interface via which information is rendered. Information can include, for example, names and/or stock symbols of corporations, descriptions of corporate actions, lists of affinity groups, positions of affinity groups, recommendations of affinity groups, and/or voting preferences of shareholders. Information is "rendered" by making it comprehensible to the recipient. For example, information in textual or graphic form can be rendered to a human recipient when it is displayed on a screen visible to the recipient, or printed on a piece of paper at a printer, etc. Audio information can be rendered when it is played through a speaker, or a telephone unit, etc. Audiovideo information can be rendered when it is shown on a television, displayed on a computer screen, etc. An example of a player for e-mail information is the Outlook e-mail program manufactured by the Microsoft Corporation of Redmond, Washington. An example of a player for information on a World Wide Web page is the Netscape Navigator web browser, manufactured by Netscape Communications of Mountain View, California.--